

A JOURNEY THROUGH JAMES
Part 9 – “Patience is a Process”
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James 5: 7-11 “Be patient, then brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

What is patience and how do I get it?

The BIG Idea:

Patience is trusting God enough to remain faithful while I wait for Him to work.

- **Patience means I trust God’s timing.**

James 5:7 “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming.”

Makrothumia: Greek word

- **Macro: “long” or “far”**
- **Thumia: “Anger” or “temper”**
- **Means holding back a reaction for a long time before taking action.**

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Patience is doing what God has asked me to do today while trusting Him with tomorrow.

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts then your thoughts. “

- **Patience means I guard my attitude while I wait.**

James 5:9 “Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The judge is standing at the door.”

Waiting has a way of revealing what is inside of us.

Philippians 2:14 “Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation’. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.”

PATIENCE ISN’T JUST ABOUT HOW LONG I CAN WAIT. IT’S ABOUT WHO I BECOME WHILE I WAIT.

Maybe God isn’t only changing your CIRCUMSTANCES, maybe God is using your circumstances to change YOU!

- **Patience means I persevere through the pain.**

Greek word hupomone means:

- **Hupo: “under”**
- **Meno: “to remain” or “to stay put”**

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God, I don't understand what you are doing, but I still trust who you are.

Hebrews 12 :1 -2 (GNT) “.....And let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.”

- **How do we let patience have its perfect work?**
 - **We endure trials, turn to God for strength and hope during painful times**
 - **We remain faithful during hard times. Stay in church. Read the Bible. Pray.**
 - **Run towards God, not away from him**
 - **Guard your tongue and attitude**
 - **Ask God for wisdom**
 - **Keep eternal perspective**

Patience isn't a switch that you flip: it's a muscle you build over time through friction and practice.

How will you respond?